

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-23 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended, and new claims 19-23 have been added.

Claims 1-18

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include a “selection means for receiving input media for said arbitrary reservation subject, said input media having at least one component, said selection means *operating to select and mix formats of said at least one component of said media.*” *Claim 1 (emphasis added).* Thus, the selection means receives input media for the arbitrary reservation subject and operates to select and mix formats of the media components. Independent claims 7 and 13 include similar limitations.

The cited prior art references of Matoba, Pietropaolo, Prothero, and Crow, individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest a “selection means for receiving input media for said arbitrary reservation subject, said input media having at least one component, said selection means operating to select and mix formats of said at least one component of said media.” Therefore, claims 1, 7, and 13 should be allowable over the combination of Matoba, Pietropaolo, Prothero, and Crow. Since claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-18 depend from claims 1, 7, and 13, respectively, claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-18 should also be allowable over the combination of Matoba, Pietropaolo, Prothero, and Crow.

Newly-added Claims 19-23

In view of the foregoing discussion regarding claim 1, and since claims 19-23 depend from claim 1, claims 19-23 should also be allowable over the combination of Matoba, Pietropaolo, Protheroe, and Crow.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-23, is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

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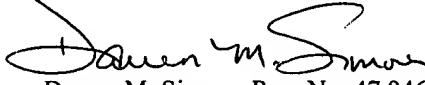


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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